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Instructional Quality Commission, California Department of Education, California State Board of Education:
Support AB199 and WWII in the Philippines in the History Curriculum for California

Petition by Bataan Legacy Historical Society



Estrella Alamar
chicago, IL • Jan 21, 2016

A very significant World War II event in American and Philippine history.

Leonard Oakes
South San Francisco, CA • Jan 21, 2016

It's been long overdue. There's more to the other side that most have not heard.

Vicente Lim
Muntinlupa, PH • Jan 21, 2016

The role of Filipino soldiers in the gallant defense of Bataan and Corregidor has been largely overlooked or even ignored. Perpetuating such a situation is such a disservice to the thousands that fought and died bravely against the enemy, despite the lack of training, equipment, ammunition, food and medicines. Why ignore Filipino soldiers' role, when they fought side by side with their American comrades? We still have a chance to honor their memory by teaching history correctly to future generations.

Devorah Joseph
San Francisco, CA • Jan 21, 2016

My father was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and it changed his life forever. This episode in our history should not be forgotten. It should be included in the school history curriculum.

John Kirby
Burlingame, CA • Jan 21, 2016

To honor those who defended Democracy and gave their lives for future generations, and that they will never be forgotten.

Jacqueline Ward
Atascadero, CA • Jan 21, 2016

I'm Signing because my father was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and spent 3½ years in a Japanese POW camp. Not many know about this part of WWII. The story must be told.

Elizabeth Bagasao
South Pasadena, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Our people died and suffered to secure a victory for the US. Our children need to know that we are as important as others in our country's history.

Mark Joseph Dimaangay
Valenzuela City, PH • Jan 21, 2016

Its our small way to give honor and thanks to our unsong heroes..

Tiffany Dator
Sacramento, CA • Jan 21, 2016

I want this signed so that my great grandfather and so many who gave and lost their lives for the United States and the Philippines during ww2 in the Pacific theatre will be honored and never forgotten.

Hope Mamucud
Makati, PH • Jan 21, 2016

To bring justice and recognition to Filipino veterans

Robert McConnell
Vallejo, CA • Jan 21, 2016

People willing to place his or her life on the line for freedom, independence, and all that is required to make that happen deserve to be recognized and honored.

philemon purganan
ca, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Filipinos are the fastest growing minority in America and this history needs to be shared

June Kori Kody
Berkeley, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Yes, we need to remember this important part of history.

Thomas Wing
San Diego, CA • Jan 21, 2016

My uncle survived the Bataan Death March and nearly four years in a Japanese prison camp.

Justin Dator
Elk Grove, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Ignoring history will make a fool of us all.

Celso Aurelio
Chicago, IL • Jan 21, 2016

My father, an ex-Phil. Scout survived the 1942 Death March. Also 3 of my kin are enshrined in the wall of the Missing at the American Memorial Cemetery in Taguig, just outside Manila.

John Bautista
Parañaque City, PH • Jan 21, 2016

I'm signing to honor all those who died and to never forget their sacrifice. This is also for both of my grandfathers who fought in Bataan and survived the Death March.

Holiday Woodward
Oro Valley, AZ • Jan 21, 2016

Excluding information is just as harmful as presenting biased content in history books. The future leaders of this country should not be deprived of information which helps them understand why it is important to build trust between nations by honoring our agreements with other countries. They should know about, and learn from, the role of USAFFE, the Bataan Death March, and the Europe First policies of WWII.

Jerrone Sicat
San Francisco, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Filipino's are part of American History!

Lillian Galedo
Berkeley, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Our children deserve to know the real history of WWII. It will make better citizens of them.

Deborah Dietz
San Francisco, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Bataan Death March is an important part of our history

Kristin Ashby
San Jose, CA • Jan 21, 2016

Members of my family fought for the US in the Philippines and I also have family members who were detained and part of the Bataan Death March- As a Californian, I believe this should be remembered as part of our history and taught in our schools.

Bonnie Rowan
Washington, DC • Jan 21, 2016

This s a vital part of American history and so little is covered in US education.

Esther Chavez
Daly City, CA • Jan 21, 2016

I'm signing because it is the right thing to do. While it is important to know about the Japanese interment - it is as important to acknowledge the people who sacrificed their soldiers and civilians to assist America win WWII.

Raquel Ramsey
Los Angeles, CA • Jan 21, 2016

My husband, Col. Edwin P. Ramsey fought with the Philippine Scouts in WW II and found them to be the best fighting force ever to combat the Japanese Forces when he formed the ECLGA, East Central Luzon Guerilla Area. He was decorated by gen Douglas MacArthur with the Distinguished Service Cross in June 13, 1945 amidst the rubble of Manila. he appeared in Congress three times and spoke on behalf of the Filipino veterans to be recognized and it is important that the young people today know the true story of the role of the Filipinos in WW II.

orlando cabcabin
hayward, CA • Jan 21, 2016

This is an injustice not to include this in our history books so that our young will know and understand the sacrifices that went on for both American and Filipinos during WWII to fight against the invaders of our freedom and democracy.

Lorenzo De Leon III
Tuguegarao, PH • Jan 22, 2016

I want to bring light to my uncle Damian de Leon's suffering and death at the so called Death March during WWII.

Art Desuyo
Oakland, CA • Jan 22, 2016

Our US history must include the Philippines key involvement in winning WWII in Asia/Pacific .

Angus Lorenzen
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA • Jan 22, 2016

As a former civilian prisoner of the Japanese, I am constantly amazed at how little people know about Japan's invasion of the Philippines in 1941 and the 4 years of devastation that they wreaked on that nation. Our schools should provide lessons for young people so that they become aware of the defense of that nation during the battles of Bataan and Corregidor, the death march, the occupation, and the devastation of the Battle of Manila, the most intense urban battle of WW II. As head of BACEPOW the organization for American civilians held as prisoners of Japan in the Philippines, it is important to convey the gratitude and respect we hold for the Filipino troops who fought alongside American troops in the defense of the Philippines and who continued to fight as guerillas throughout the Japanese occupation, and finally played a key role in the liberation of our POW camps.

Edgar de Leon
Berkeley, CA • Jan 22, 2016

This part of US History needs to be taught in the High Schools!

Consuelo McHugh
Mill Valley, CA • Jan 22, 2016

I was in the Philippines during WWII and believe strongly in AB199

Azucena Arguelles
San Francisco, CA • Jan 22, 2016

I am signing because the present and future generations must and should be told and learn the true facts of history

Adan Canales
Sunnyvale, DE • Jan 22, 2016

If we ignore where we've been at war then we're just going to repeat history.

Cecelia Nichols Fritzler
Antioch, CA • Jan 26, 2016

With the Philippines on the verge of entering World War II, at the age of 24, Dad was inducted into the Philippine Scouts. Dad's military career began with his assignment to the 11th Signal Company, 11th Division Philippine Army. He was later transferred and assigned to H. Company, 3rd Battalion, 57th Infantry. On April 9, 1942, upon the surrender of Bataan, Dad walked approximately 72 miles in the infamous Bataan Death March. Dad was concentrated as a Prisoner of War at Camp O'Donnell, Capaz, Tarlac. According to my Dad's recollection, a typical day would consist of being awakened for a head count and work detail, such as grave digging. Dad was wounded during combat between January 9, 1945 - August 15, 1945 and was awarded the Purple Heart on July 23, 1948. Dad proudly served in the United States Army for 21 years.

Helen Gonzales
Pacifica, CA • Jan 26, 2016

Recognition for Filipinos in WWII is the right thing to do and long overdue in our history books.

Joan Paris
Piedmont, SD • Jan 26, 2016

If we censor our history to make it appear to be politically correct we are doing what the Soviet Union did...hide it. We must teach the rights and wrongs of our country and take responsibility for them so the same mistakes may not be made again.

Richard Chapman
Tucson, AZ • Jan 26, 2016

It's the right thing to do! And the mother of my children was imprisoned in Santo Thomas for several years as a young girl.

Suzy Thompson
Kailua,, HI • Jan 26, 2016

My cousins, aunt and uncle were interned there during the war.

Paul Palla
Greencastle, PA • Jan 26, 2016

TIME FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS TO REPRESENT ALL OF HUMANITY!!

Devon Deming
Los Angeles, CA • Jan 26, 2016

It is important that the history we teach is all inclusive!

Velma Hampson
Salem, OR • Jan 26, 2016

Even though our kids moved us closer to them in Oregon, I am still a retired California teacher and a member of CRTA. Don't embarrass us by wanting us to teach lies or shorting our students on the truths in our history.. Always Always we must teach the truth.

Hector Vasquez
Brooklyn, NY • Jan 26, 2016

How can you teach about MacArthur and not include his famous return to the Philipines?

William Madden
Monticello, IN • Jan 26, 2016

People need to know about the past and history.

Nathan Hooker
Hutchinson, KS • Jan 26, 2016

It's the right thing to do. They sacrificed and fought beside our troops.

Al Young
Seattle, WA • Jan 26, 2016

It's the right thing to do. Their sacrifices and bravery were undeniable. They are unsung heroes of the Pacific War. Ask any vet that served with them (the few that are remaining).

Ted Pederson
Farwell, MN • Jan 26, 2016

This is th right thing to do.

George Wolff
North Ft Myers, FL • Jan 26, 2016

Historical truth matters. All countries have "checkered" pasts.

Alma Agar-Curb
Sacramento, CA • Jan 26, 2016

My father, Pius R. Agar, was in the Baatan Death March & in a concentration camp in the Philippines during WWII. I sign this petition in his memory...

Agatha Murphy
Zanesville, OH • Jan 26, 2016

It is the right thing to do!

Thomas Brink
York, NE • Jan 26, 2016

Truth and accuracy is history.

Francis Nakamoto
Honolulu, HI • Jan 26, 2016

Denial of well-deserved benefits for courageous Filipinos by the United States Congress shortly after the war was a shameful act of dishonor. They fought against the same enemy, under US commanders, yet were abandoned after their sacrifices by an ungrateful ally. Many have since passed away and only a few are alive to both recount this sad page in our history but also finally receive long-denied benefits they earned in battle. Congress must act quickly to restore their benefits and rights promised but reneged upon by their ungrateful predecessors.

Deborah Greenspan
Winnetka, CA • Jan 26, 2016

It is vitally important for appropriate interaction, cultural sensitivity, and wellness counseling that healthcare and social service providers caring for Filipino soldiers and their descendents understand this history.

Diane Lipson
Los Angeles, CA • Jan 26, 2016

An unedited history is crucial for reasons that should be obvious to any sane thinking person.

Devren Breau
San Jose, CA • Jan 26, 2016

May The God of Jacob bless this petition with good news soon. Amen,and Amen. Bless Up. One Love

Alex Hing
New York, NY • Jan 26, 2016

They fought for us so take care of them in their old age.

Joanna Holtz Bean
Long Beach, CA • Jan 26, 2016

I think US school's instructional curriculum should include this important piece of history, and honor the many people who engaged in this by teaching our High School kids the TRUTH and not omitting such pivotal efforts by The Filipino people and the U.S. That fought valiantly for our freedom. Freedom is sacred. I'm honored to be a U.S. Citizen. Let's honor our REAL history, not just what is Politically Correct or cherry picked to make us look good. Sincere gratitude, Joanna

Lorely Bec
Royal Oak, MI • Jan 26, 2016

I am a filipino-american. My grandparents lived through WWII in the Philippines and lost their homes and livelihood throughout the course of the war in the Pacific.

Pamela Moreno
Winfield, KS • Jan 26, 2016

It is way past time to 'do the right thing' for these brave and loyal Filipino soldiers.

Melinda Yaskoff
The Plains, OH • Jan 26, 2016

I'm signing because it is the right thing to do.

ray armstrong
Niland, CA • Jan 26, 2016

important time

robert roth
shaker hts., OH • Jan 26, 2016

right thing to do

Juan Torena
Dumaguete, City, PH • Jan 26, 2016

We need a critical but objective study of Philippine history

Annie Galarosa
Seattle, WA • Jan 26, 2016

I am a daughter of a WWII Vet & POW of Bataan Corregidor. I wish setting the record straight was a national endeavor.

Karen Fitzpatrick
Santa Cruz, CA • Jan 27, 2016

This is an important part of our history.

Katherine Baker
Takoma Park, MD • Jan 27, 2016

It is only right that the men who fought with U.S. soldiers be recognized for their service.

Wayne Smyer
Pueblo, CO • Jan 27, 2016

because you don't forget your history!

Adam Silverstein
Northport, NY • Jan 27, 2016

Those Soldiers Need Benefits!!!!

Paul Factora
Redondo Beach,, CA • Jan 27, 2016

It's 70 years too late but not too late to correct.

Dorothea Galdo
Oakland, CA • Jan 29, 2016

I am Filipino-American, first-generation born in the United States. My grandfather fought in World War II and escaped from the Japanese by playing dead among the hundreds of dead bodies on the ground. However, I never really knew of the sacrifices Filipino soldiers made and the role they played in WWII until my early 30s. It is a slap in the face to war veterans and their families to now acknowledge their role in American history.

Christopher Tabayoyong
Ladera Ranch, CA • Jan 28, 2016

I'm Filipino, and my father and grand father fought for America

alvin bautista
Vallejo, CA • Jan 28, 2016

It is about time that the sacrifices made by the Filipinos are recognized, especially the last few living WWII veterans, who were denied their well deserved rights and benefits. The Bataan Death March survivors and POWs who suffered the most harrowing experiences after the fall of the Philippines are true heroes. The others who resisted and evaded capture continued the struggle until Liberation. We also need to remember the fate of the civilians caught in the conflagration, and the hapless victims of the atrocities committed in the Battle of Manila, and elsewhere. These need to be taught to the next generation who now bask in freedom and liberty gained from the blood, sweat and tears of those who were engaged in WWII. Bataan, Corregidor, Intramuros, Bessang Pass, Camp O'Donnell, Cabanatuan. They should all be commemorated. Filipinos stood tall beside the Americans and the Allies, fighting on land, sea and air, as guerrillas and behind enemy lines. They should be remembered NOW. Lest we forget.

Karen Williams
Dallas, TX • Jan 28, 2016

We need to know our history. I simply didn't know the Philippines were a colony of the USA, and I'm almost 50! We need to educate about the *whole* American history.

jeffrey baugh
san diego, CA • Jan 28, 2016

It's what's right.

Romelle Guittap
Pacifica, CA • Feb 01, 2016

This is an important part of history that is missing in our school curriculum.

jovito torres
rancho Palos Verdes, CA • Feb 01, 2016

To complete the history

Liz Bergeron
North Liberty, IA • Feb 01, 2016

The truth needs to be told.

Frank Weber
San Bruno, CA • Feb 01, 2016

My father-in-law Armando S. Lansang is a Bataan death march survivor.

Robert Gallegos
Ontario, CA • Feb 01, 2016

My great uncle was a Bataan death March survivor.